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Job training programs cut

Federal budget shafts students

by Karen Hill

OTTAWA (CUP) — Federal finance minister Michael Wilson bared his teeth and sank them into education funding in his Feb. 26 budget.

The Tory budget froze transfer payments to universities and colleges again, and offered no promise for a thaw until 1994-95.

According to the Canadian Federation of Students, this means a $775 million loss for 1992-93 alone, and a combined $3.85 billion cut from 1990-91 to 1994-95.

CFS chair Jane Arnold said the budget is a signal to students that the government is becoming less concerned with an accessible, quality education.

"My beef is that they're saying they want a highly skilled workforce, but at the same time they're making these cuts," Arnold said. "The government has to be willing to put their money where their mouth is."

Arnold said she is upset at the Tories' promise to crack down on students who default on their loans. The budget promised changes that would allow the government to deduct money owed to Ottawa from individual tax refunds.

The government is charging ahead with punitive steps instead of trying to get to the root of the problem, she added.

Forty-four per cent of defaulters are deemed "uncooperative" and that ranges from people who don't respond to a letter to those who simply refuse to repay their loans, she said.

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Arnold also said she is worried about the provinces boosting fees to make up for the cuts. "We're going to see tuition fees skyrocket."

Students, teachers and critics alike said the budget shows the federal government is trying to decrease its role in post-secondary education.

"Mr. Wilson is trying to remove the federal presence in higher education without having an up-front debate with the Canadian people," said Donald Savage, executive director of the Canadian Association of University Teachers.

"The cuts in the transfer payments are such that the cash will disappear very soon and once that happens there's no longer any federal involvement in higher education."

James Downey, vice president of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, agreed. "This is a time when leadership is needed to strengthen education. All we can see is the gradual retreat of the government."

Downey said provinces such as Quebec and Ontario, which have high student populations, are going to be particularly hard hit. And, if the pattern of cuts continues, "by the end of the decade, some provinces will not be receiving any money."

While Wilson emphasized the need for global competitiveness, he slashed at the best opportunity for Canada to recover some ground, Downey said.

"In areas like research and development, universities have an essential role to play. Without a strong commitment to post- secondary education, Canada will continue to flounder, "he said.

NDP education critic Howard McCurdy said post-secondary education is the key to a healthy economy and the budget is "absolutely bloody insane."

"You'd have to be a full blown idiot like the prime minister (Brian Mulroney) not to realize that post-secondary education and research and development are key to international competition. We're not able to increase wealth without knowledge," McCurdy said.

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McCurdy cited the $100 million cut to job training programs during a recession and cuts to research and development as parts of an economic policy "designed to tear this country apart."

"If that doesn't outrage Canadians, I don't know what will."

Directors pushing for new CUSA

by Franco D'Orazio

A proposal to radically change CUSA's structure will be tabled at today's Board of Directors meeting.

A document obtained by the *Link* outlines the creation of two new student associations - the Fine Arts Soceity (FAS0 and the Arts and Science Faculty Association (AFSA) - replacing the two faculties still part of CUSA.

In 1985, the Engineering and Computer Science Association (ECA) seceded from CUSA, with the Commerce and Administration Students Association (CASA) following suit in 1988.

"It's an idea that's been kicking around a lot in people's heads for quite a while," said Director Thomas Dowd, who wrote the document.

"It's meant as a basis of discussion more than anything else," said Dowd, who is also CASA's v.p. finance. "Usually, it's a lot easier to discuss things like constitutions when they're down on paper."

He said he will ask other directors this weekend for their suggestions on how to improve the proposal.

The two new associations would resemble the current CUSA, but with two notable differences.

The new association's executive would be elected instead of being hired, which is CUSA's current practice.

Each department within each new faculty association would have its own representative. Presently, the number of directors representing each faculty on the board is determined by the number of students in that faculty.

For example, 14 of the 28 directors represent the Faculty of Arts and Science since roughly half of all undergraduate students are enrolled in this faculty.

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Each department will have one representative.

The new plan suggests that 40 per cent of CUSA's $600,000 annual budget be earmarked for ASFA, with 10 per cent alloted to FAS.

Dowd said the new structure would settle a great deal of confusion about who the various associations are representing.

"Is (CUSA) the association for all students, or is it the association for the Arts and Science and Fine Arts students? We have two faculty associations (CASA and the ECA) and we don't have the other two..."

Dowd said the new structure would enable the faculty associations to deal with academic issues such as the university writing tests and professor evaluations, while leaving non-academic tasks to CUSA.

CUSA would still be the official representative of all undergraduate students, representing the four faculty associations on Senate, the university's second-highest decision making level," Dowd said.

CUSA could also pay more attention to the non-academic clubs.

But not all of CUSA's directors think it's such a good idea.

"I have some reservations about it, but I think it's a step forward," said director Jarno Makkonen. "It has the potential to create something to make CUSA work."

But both co-presidents-elects, Eleanor Brown and Charlene Nero, oppose the idea.

"The issue should be the reform of CUSA, not the creation of two new faculty associations," Nero said.

She also questioned the logic of tabling this proposal when there is a backlog of items on the agenda.

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'a disgustingly racist country'

Media distorts native picture

by Gary Salewicz

Media coverage of this summer's Oka crisis hurt the native cause in Canada, a native journalist said at a panel discussion yesterday on how the media portray natives.

Ernie Webb, a Cree journalist with CBC's northern service, said the media sensationalized the conflict between the Mohawks and the army, marginalizing native concerns.

"Conflict is what we thrive on in the media," Webb told the audience of more than 150 at the Hall Building.

He added that native issues were relegated to the backpages of newspapers before the conflict erupted July 11.

The standoff between the Mohawks and the Sûreté du Québec began when the SQ staged an aborted raid on Warrior barricades erected to block the expansion of a nine-hole golf course in Oka on ancestral land claimed by the Mohawks. One officer was killed in the melée.

"It was okay if there is 90 per cent unemployment on native reserves across Canada," he said. "It was okay if there is a high unemployment. And it was okay if natives in higher numbers than white communities because of poor health standards.

But the media report on native issues only when they rock the boat, Webb said. Even then, he added, the media don't give background information on the conflict to help Canadians understand natives concerns.

Peter Raymont, a documentary filmmaker who has produced and directed films about indigenous people around the world, agreed with Webb.

"Newspapers feature war and confrontation on their front pages," Raymont said, adding that the media has to give natives a voice. "I think it would be fascinating for Canadians to see through native eyes what's happening in James Bay," he said. "Natives should have access to mainstream newspapers and television where they can be heard by more Canadians."

Peter Kuitenbrouwer, a *Gazette* reporter who covered the Oka crisis, said reporters shoulder part of the blame for the sensationalist coverage.

"Oka was as close to a war zone as any *Gazette* reporter can get," Kuitenbrouwer said. "The reporters got caught up in the romance of the story."

Reporters tended to discuss the tension and confrontations, rather than reporting why the natives set up barricades in the first place, he added.

But Raymont said the media did succeed in one way.

"When the media showed Canadians throwing rocks at natives in cars and burning effigies of natives, the media portrayed what a disgustingly racist country we are."

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Friday, March 1

Lecture: Dr. Jamal Badawi on "The Gulf War: Muslims' Perspective." H-110, 7pm. sponsored by The Muslim Students' Association.

CASE (Concordia Association of Students of English) planning meeting. 4-6pm, P-205, 2020 MacKay street. Currently there is an open poll to solicit for titles to name or rename CASE. The deadline for submission of suggestions and casting votes is March 8.

Cultural Expression & Fashion Show. At Le Manoir, 5319 Notre Dame de Grace, crn. Decarie, 8pm. Cultural show with a fashion segment featuring Black designers. Sponsored by the Carribean Students Association., 848-3527.

Bi-the-Way: Bisexual Women's Discussion group meets every Friday. All women welcome. Info: Mon-Thurs at 848-7431 and leave a message.

Film & Video Festival to commemorate International Women's Week. Recent works by independent women directors. Works being shown include: "Displaced Views" - Midi Onodera, " Une Fille de ma Gang" - Marilyn Burgess, "Keep Your Laws Off My Body" - Catherine Saalfield and Zoe Leonard, "Reportage Brazil" - Nancy Marcotte & Colette Loumède. Two screenings, 7pm & 9pm, at VA-114. Admission is $2. Advance tickets available at the Women's Centre. Sponsored by the Concordia Women's Collectivé. Info: 848-7411.

Saturday, March 2

Film & Video Festival to commemorate International Women's Week. Recent works by independent women directors. Works tonight include: "Safe Sex Slut" Carol Leigh (a.k.a. Scarlet Harlot), "Orientation Express" - Frances Leeming, "We're Talking Vulva" - Shawna Dempsey & Tracey Traeger, MORE! Two screenings, 7pm & 9pm, at VA-114. Admission is $2. Advance tickets available at the Women's Centre. Sponsored by the Concordia Women's Collective. Info: 848-7411.

Purim Masquerade Dance. Organized by Hillel Students' Society, Molson Hall, 3915 University Street. 9pm. $3 admission.

Monday, March 4

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Tuesday, March 5

Lecture: "The 'New World Order' from Central America to the Persian Gulf" by Prof. James Petras. What is the "New World Order?" What are the parallels between these two regions? Will this "New Order" be achieved by war and deception or by diplomacy and international consensus? H-110 at 5pm. Sponsored by the Central America Committee, Dean of Students, Visiting Lecturers Committee, Arab Students Association, and CUSA. Info: 848-7410.

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GENERAL

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OFS trying to stop NDP from welching on tuition fee promise

by Jacques Poitras

OTTAWA (CUP) — Going against its own policy that calls for an eventual elimination of tuition fees, the Ontario NDP government announced Feb. 11 that it will increase provincial tuition fees by eight per cent.

So the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS) is trying to get NDP members to vote in favor of reaffirming the policy at a party convention March 1-3.

Greg Elmer, communications director for OFS, said the federation is worried the "powers that be" in the NDP will try to repeal the policy.

"I'm sure they've come up with a plan to nuke it or play it down," Elmer said.

By making a lot of noise at the convention, the OFS believes it will be in a win-win situation.

If they successfully lobby the delegates, they embarrass the government. If the reaffirmation motion is defeated, the government will be seen as backing away from a major policy.

The policy says the party seeks "to establish a post-secondary education system where admissions are based on merit rather than affordability."

Elmer said the OFS has been working with contacts within the NDP youth and has also contacted the Ontario Federation of Labor, an influential body within the party, to get them to vote in favor of the policy.

At least seven resolutions calling for reaffirmation of the policy are on the convention agenda. One from the Ottawa Centre riding association was moved by Marcella Munro, chair of Carleton University's Student Issues Action Committee.

Munro — a former NDP campus club president — said it will be tricky to convince youth to defy the party hierarchy because the youth wing has only recently been taken seriously.

"I can see the temptation to back down on this issue...but it will be an error in judgement," she said. "How can we back down on something so fundamental?"

Munro said the party establishment in Ontario is out of touch with the grassroots. "We have backroom boys like everyone else." She said if the NDP youth toe the party line, they will be reduced to mindless appendages, rather than the vanguard of progress in the party.

Student activists were angered by Premier Bob Rae's comments on the tuition hike announcement. He told the *Toronto Sun*, "There is no free lunch. There never was a free lunch and there certainly isn't a free lunch right now."

Elmer said he was surprised Rae was so irritable.

"I think he probably didn't have breakfast or something, because he was obviously out to lunch."

Munro said students are an easy target for the government. While it can't afford to alienate stronger constituent groups like women and labor, students can be portrayed as spoiled white kids with unreasonable demands — even if the government knows that's not the truth, she said.

She added the government's announcement has so frightened NDP youth in British Columbia — where a provincial election must be held this year — that they are demanding a tuition freeze be part of the party's election platform.

'A world wide phenomenon'

Contact North: helping students reach out and learn something

by Karen Hill

TORONTO (CUP) — Every Thursday night, Al Tribinevicius sits alone in a dark room listening to voices.

He's not losing his mind. He's pursuing his masters degree in education.

Tribinevicius, 42, is one of a growing number of Ontario students learning by long distance. Last year, over 5,000 students in the province enrolled in university courses offered over the telephone.

Since 1986 the Ontario government has been funding Contact North, a telecommunications network that links teachers and students in conference-call courses across the province, at both the secondary and post-secondary level.

This bilingual service allows students to take a course at a university even though they may live in a town half-way across Ontario.

Henriette Dauphinais, French-language liaison for Contact North, said the number of students enrolled and the number of courses offered have doubled annually since the program began. In 1989-90, some 5,000 students took university courses, three thousand took college courses and 1,500 took high school courses. A combined total of 650 courses were offered.

Contact North was set up to make education more accessible for adults in northern Ontario, focusing on francophones and native peoples, said Dauphinais. And according to an annual report, women in the north are the main beneficiaries of the program, making up the majority of students.

Although universities in other provinces offer distance education courses, no other organized service exists, she said.

"We're the only program of this kind in Canada," she added. Individual schools in other provinces offer courses, but Ontario lays claim to the sole provincial network. Until Contact North was established, the most common kind of distance education in Ontario was correspondence courses.

Dauphinais said the program is more than just sitting in front of a computer terminal, or clutching a phone to the car. Support staff is available for students to call if they need extra help. "It's much more of an interactive process, and that's how people succeed best."

Richard Leavens, chair of the Ontario University Distance Education Committee, said the network has been very successful to date, but some changes need to be made.

"What we're trying to do is get into some credit transfers among universities," Leavens said. "We're trying to get some continuity into the system."

But he said universities are resisting the idea because they "are pretty attached to their autonomy." They don't like the idea of students being able to shop around for their degree requirements at a number of universities, he said. Of the 16 provincial universities, 12 offer distance education courses.

Leavens said distance education is "a world-wide phenomenon," and it is growing at a phenomenal rate. And he thinks it will become more popular in Canada as "the old guard academics" become more flexible.

Helen Lenskyj, a professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education and Tribinevicius' instructor, said although she misses seeing peoples' faces in class, she still feels she knows them.

"I do get a sense of them through their written assignments," Lenskyj said. But, she added, it is often easier to avoid class discussion if a student can avoid eye contact.

"I often don't have sense of whether they understand. It's easy to retreat into the background when it's a telephone conference."

Charging CEGEPs tuition fees could be disastrous: students

(CUP) — College students may be the next victims of the Quebec government's drive to cut education spending and balance the province's books.

Higher Education Minister Lucienne Robillard said Feb. 21 that the province may start charging tuition fees to students in CEGEPs, the free community colleges set up in 1969 to make post-secondary education more accessible in the province.

The Liberal government recently hiked tuition fees, which had been frozen at about $550 for over 20 years.

No final decision has yet been made, Robillard said, but imposing fees is being discussed to help lower the province's deficit.

"All the possibilities are on the table. Right now in Quebec we have to make new choices," she said.

Student leaders were shocked by the minister's comments — and some are already talking about possible strike action.

"No one thought they'd have the nerve to do something like this one year after university fees were doubled," said Annie Binet, a spokesperson for CEGEP de Rosemont's student council.

Students might take to the streets in a strike to fight fees, Binet said.

"I'm sure there's going to be a lot of opposition because a lot of students might have to quit school if there are any fees."

Although students aren't charged tuition fees, they do pay incidental and activity fees. On average they spend about $400 a year — including textbooks, according to a study released Feb. 20 by the Confederation des Syndicats Nationaux (CSN), a union representing many college teachers.

Jean Charest, a CSN spokes-person, said imposing fees would effectively shut the education door on many students.

"It's going to be a disaster and it's going to reverse all of the efforts that have been made for the past 20 years to raise the education level of Quebec youth," Charest said.

But he isn't surprised the government is considering fees.

College budgets have been cut by over $120 million to make up for money lost because of decreases in federal transfer payment since 1980, according to the CSN study.

"CEGEPs have to make up for those cutbacks somehow," Charest said. "They can't cut services anymore because they've already cut right into the bone. They can't turn to the government anymore because it keeps turning them down, so they have to turn to students."

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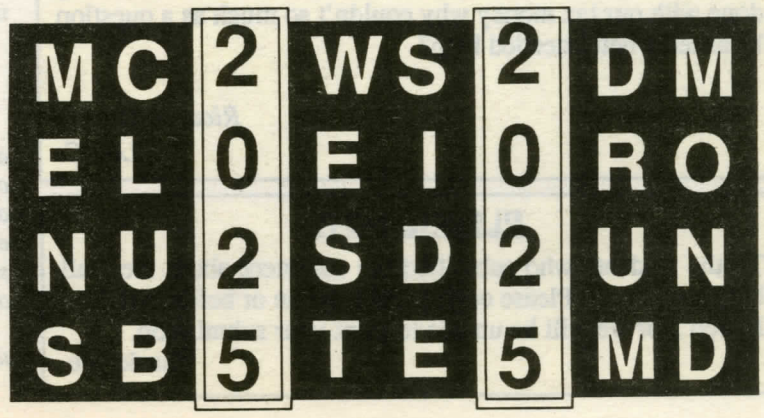


Cops still bash gays

The event I'm writing about occurred the night of August 2nd, 1988.

That summer I was attending the International Lesbian & Gay Youth Organization (IGLYO) conference in West Berlin. That night the IGLYO organizing committee took a large group of IGLYO delegates to an amusement park called "Dallas in Dahlem" situated in the American sector of West Berlin. This amusement park consequently was run and operated by the American military as I found out upon arrival at the front gates.

Many of the IGLYO delegates, as well as I, were in the park that night, riding rides, doing what everyone else was doing, when, all of a sudden, as we were getting on a ride, we were approached by a group of about 12 military police, and very forcefully told to stand in a designated area.

Initially, we stood still in utter shock; then, we were told again, only this time with even greater force, to stand where we were told. Hesitantly, we obeyed, and by now it was obvious to us that we were being expelled from the park. When we tried asking why they were doing this to us, we were told to "remain quiet," in a very militant tone of voice, and that we were "not in a position to argue." In anger we began shouting insults at the military police where as I stood, flabbergasted, choking on my words unable to express myself.

At this point the West Berlin police had been called to the scene, and were told by the American military to march us (a group of about 20 people) to the nearest subway station and to break us up into ones or twos, and arrest us if we failed to comply.

Once we were on the subway (U-Bahn in Berlin), we went to the Technical University where the conference was being held. When we got there, we began phoning newspapers, and our youth groups in each respective countries such as the Netherlands, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, etc. Not knowing the numbers of any Toronto sources, I decided it would be best to seek help at the Canadian consulate. "Surely they would help me," I thought. But later I found I was wrong.

Next morning, after having told my story to the secretary at the consulate, I wrote a report on it which the secretary later handed to the consul after making an appointment for me.

Later that day, when I got back to the youth hostel, I asked the organizing committee if the U.S. city commander had given any answer as to why this was done to us. Better than just one answer, we received five.

Firstly, it was because we were all drunk.

Secondly, it was because we were holding a Nazi demonstration and shouting "Sieg Heil."

Thirdly, it was because we were preventing people from getting on rides.

Fourthly, it was because the American military police were obeying West Berlin police orders.

Fifthly, it was because our behaviour was inappropriate for a "family style" atmosphere (whatever that means).

I met with the consul the following morning, and told him that I would like him to ask the U.S. city commander why this was done to me as a Canadian, and what it was I did to deserve such treatment. His response was negative, as he went on to say that the U.S. military have the right to do anything in their sector regardless. Later advising me that I shouldn't feel so bad, "I know exactly what you're going through," said he. "I'm a French Canadian." This answer made me feel like a scapegoat; knowing there was nothing more he was going to do about it, I left.

What really makes me angry about all this is that the Canadian consulate is situated on the 12th floor of a skyscraper, in the most expensive part of the city; so if that's what's being done with our tax money why couldn't so much as a question be asked when I needed help?

Ricardo Duarte
LGFC.

PLEASE NOTE

To the students who submitted the comment about the Hall bldg. escalators: Please contact the Link on or before Sunday, March 3 or we will be unable to print your submission.

Thank-you

Letters to the Editor:

Link ignoring Amnesty events

I agree with Jason Laing's letter which indicated that *the Link* is very selective in its news coverage. In the past three years *the Link* has managed to cover a grand total of three Amnesty International Concordia Chapter events.

Is a discussion on East Timor where one third of the 600,000 population was eradicated by the Indonesian government not important? Or what about a talk on "Torture in South Africa" by Chengiah Ragaven? And last week's discussion on human rights abuses in Kenya where the speaker was imprisoned and tortured for simply doing research? All these events have recently taken place at Concordia University and *the Link* was nowhere to be seen.

It astonishes me how the media ignores one issue and covers another because it is "in". A perfect example is *the Link*, which indicated in a recent editorial that it will expand its coverage of native issues.

One wonders where *the Link* was in the past few years when native issues were unpopular but needed the most coverage. And one wonders why *the Link* has such a large proportion of articles on gay, lesbian and women's issues. Are other issues not as equally important?

According to Amnesty International, two out of three people are ruled by governments that torture and kill their own citizens. Children are also victimized. Governments shoot, hang, electrocute, and posion to death thousands of prisoners. Women are raped and mutilated by government forces. Why does the local media ignore such horrible atrocities?

The Link and the local media need to cover more human rights issues — it is a universal responsiblity. When thousands of unarmed, high school and university students in Myanmar (Burma) are shot dead for peacefully advocating democracy, the press needs to inform the world. When a poet in Vietnam spends half of his life in prison, the media should publicize the case.

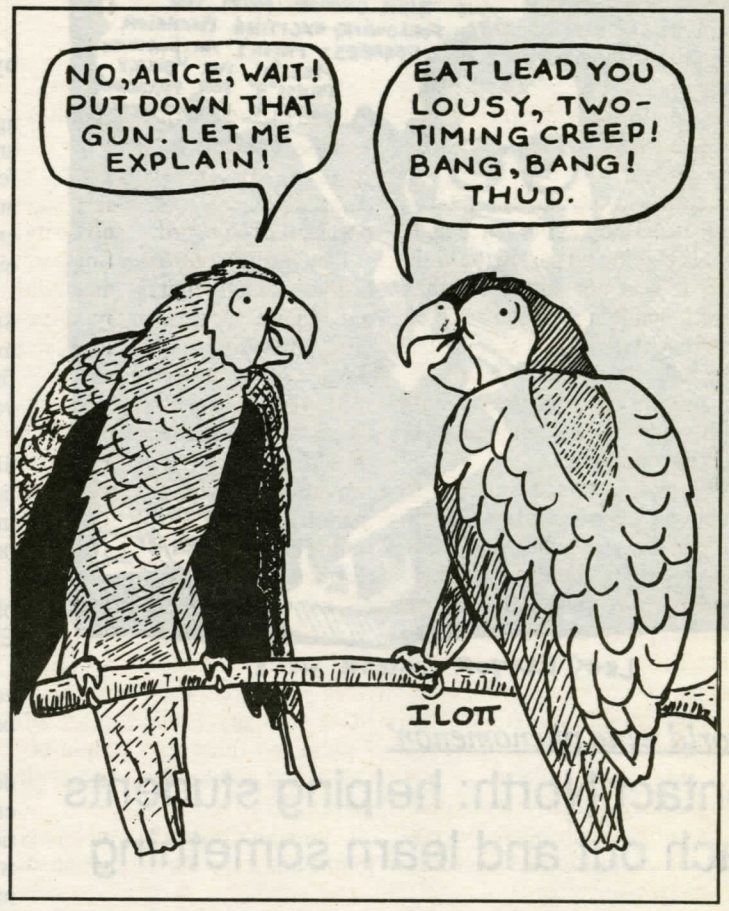
The Link and the local media need to cover more human rights issues — as Martin Luther King said: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." — it's important for *the Link* and local media to expand coverage of *international* human rights issues.

Dilip Patel

Ed. Note: The Link *has covered and will continue to cover stories on human rights violators in Canada and around the world. However, reporting on lectures sponsored by Amnesty International is only one way to "get the story."*

In addition, a closer examination of Link *coverage of, for example, women's issues, will show that those storiess are not 50 percent of the paper's content even though women make up over 50 percent of the population.*

The importance of a story on any given day is based on the merits of that story and not on how many stories we have run on that subject in the past.



Bhutto blames Muslims

Re: The Exclusive Interview of Benazir Bhutto with Radio Canada International's David Smith which was published in the Concordian of Jan 30, 1991.

In her interview Mme Bhutto stated, "...the Pakistani delegation was successful in neutralizing his (Iraq's President Saddam Hussein's) initial opposition to (our) Pakistan's stand on Kasmir... because coming from one Muslim country to another, we (Pakistani delegation) were able to reach out to him."

By stating this, Mme Bhutto suggested that the Kashmir problem was a problem of the Muslims. And because of the same theocratic statehood of Muslim religion between her country and the other Muslim countries, that she could "reach out to" them to earn their empathies or sympathies naturally irrespective of the problem's own perspective which could also be an irreligious one in its realities.

The population of Kashmir consists, besides the Muslim majority, of: 500,000 Buddhists in Ladakh; 150,000 Hindus and Sikhs in Srinagar and its environs; 1,500,000 Hindus in Jammu and Kashmir.

Kashmir's secular character is essential for both the secular Muslims and non-Muslims of the whole valley. They want to live there in peace with their human and secular rights.

The religious fundamentalism in the Kashmir valley from the early 1980's was undermining secularism in Kashmir. The secular Muslim Vice-Chancellor of the Kashmir University was killed after being kidnapped; the Muslim Clergy of Kashmir opposed strict dress codes for women in Kashmir, and he was assassinated.

It is the campaign of total Islamisation of Kasmir through fundamentalists' militancies that is overwhelming the Valley, a movement sometimes described inacurately as the "Uprising" for "self-determination."

It was Mme Bhutto's father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto of Pakistan, who agreed to bilateralise the Kasmir issue in the Simla Accord of 1972 with India. One fails to understand why the same problem would not be treated as such between the two neighbouring nations.

P.B. Mukhopadhyay

ed. Note: The following letter is a response to an article published in The Concordian *about Benazir Bhutto. The writer was anxious to air his views on the subject and because* The Concordian *has stopped publishing,* The Link *agreed to print his letter.*

Gulf talk becomes 'Israeli bashing'

Three weeks ago, the Arab Student Association (ASA) hosted a panel discussion at Concordia University. As it was titled "Canada and the War" and co-sponsored by the Troops-Out Coalition, I expected an educated and in-

formed discussion of Canadian foreign policy vis-a-vis the Gulf War.

The topic, however, was deliberately twisted and subsequently eclipsed by the usual Arab propaganda and Israel-bashing that dominate most Arab 'discussions'.

After being presented with pamphlets condemning the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel (even though there are repeated reports of their persecution in Russia) and a slew of anti-Israel literature (even though Israel is playing no part in the Gulf War), it was not surprising that Pierre Legault, a representative of the SALAM group that specializes in the Palestinian issue was a keynote speaker on a discussion supposedly addressing Canadian policy in the Gulf War.

As Legault concentrated his speech on claims against Israeli policy in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, I was appalled to see Marianne Roy, a representative of the Canadian peace movement, allow the discussion to take such a twisted turn away from the assigned topic. Her alliance with the ASA is an endorsement of its political views, unrelated to the Gulf War.

Roy made it virtually impossible for Canadians with opposing political viewpoints to feel welcome in a peace movement that should maintain a universal character and appeal.

Furthermore, it was both devious and cowardly for the ASA to resort to masking a one-sided lecture highlighting the Palestinian issue under the guise of a democratic discussion on "Canada and the War". It is obvious this was done so as not to alert any party with an opposing view to challenge their 'information' — information which, on the part of Legault, was frequently shaky and unsubstantiated.

Troops-Out supporters should be offended at the ASA's blatant exploitation of their cause in an attempt to lure a larger audience to the event and lend credibility to their flimsy allegations against Israel.

Ironically, it might have added more distance to the seemingly endless journey towards a peace in the Middle East.

Alysa Quint
Liberal Arts

Support staff helpful

People often write to publications as means of airing their complaints. I, however, would like to compliment the less visible support staff of Concordia University.

I moved to Montréal to finish my last year of university; hence I did not require acceptance by a specific university and could attend the one of my choosing.

My original contacts at Concordia, namely, the registrar's office or admissions were so helpful in providing me with as much information as possible, that I took little time is choosing which university I planned to attend.

The year is more than half over but I still find helpful, knowledgable people. For example, the secretary of the History dept. at Loyola or the SGW secretary, Linda McDonald. I point out these two people because I remembered to ask their names.

Although Concordia University might not have the reputation of other universities, it certainly ranks among the best in my books.

Janis Hearn

Western world started the fire

War, this war in the Persian Gulf; many claim it is a mistake, others oppose it. I don't think we should examine the black or the white but open our eyes to the shades of grey. Fundamentally war is a terrible turn of events, it represents tragic loss of innocent lives and must be avoided whenever possible. War being a negative outcome does not necessarily make it a mistake. War in the Persian Gulf is, in my opinion, not a mistake but a result of many mistakes.

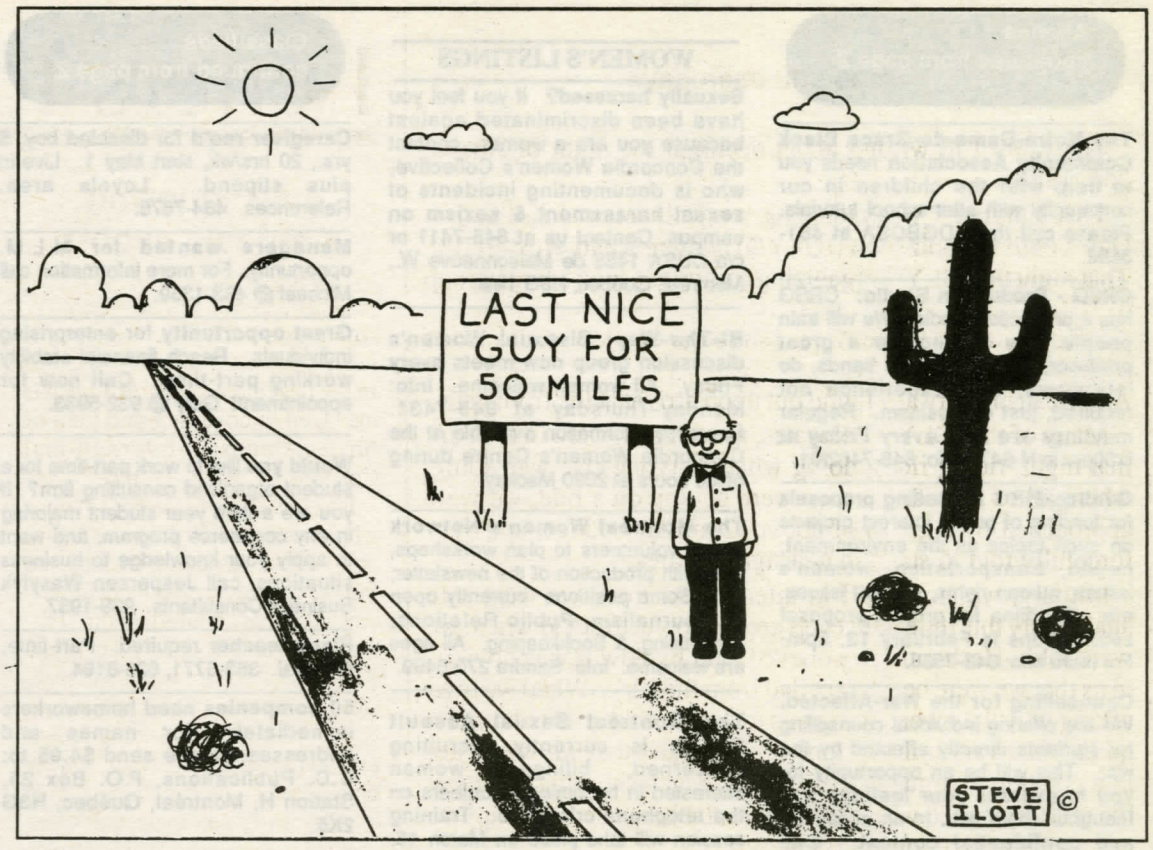
The world never promoted peace in the Middle East, it strived to promote its interest, and maintain the balance of power as much as possible. The United States, the Soviets, Germans, French (the list goes on, and sadly on) supplied Saddam Hussein with weapons for the worser of two evils. This was a crucial mistake; we, the western world, started this fire and now our hands are being burnt by that same flame we ourselves created.

Let me elaborate on what I mean by fire. I am talking about Iraq's immense arsenal of conventional and chemical weapons. I am talking about its nuclear development projects, which for the moment have been supposedly "eliminated," and most importantly I'm referring to Saddam's territorial goals.

Once the allies began to see this picture, as Iraq invaded and conquered Kuwait, only then did they decide to act. One cannot undo what was done: not build Saddam intricate underground bunkers, supply him with high tech info, missile launchers, and chemical weapons. This is the scenario if there would be no war: Iraq's nuclear capabilities slowly and surely would become a threat to Israel, and neighbouring Arab states, thus threatening the entire world as full scale war in the Middle East would mean a much broader and considerably more deadly conflict. Saddam has made clear his ambitions, as did many radical and deranged Arab dictators - Qhadaffi, Assad - that Israel must be annihilated. In short, Iraq would become a fire that could never be controlled without an all out nuclear war. The result would be casualties a hundred or even a thousand times more than any conventional or chemical war could entail.

I therefore am adamantly against the war, but in the present reality it is the most effective and humane course to take. I grieve for the loss of life and hope that an end will come as soon as possible. What I suppport is proper preventive strategies for war, these we must learn from this conflict and not simply that war is terrible because what will happen is that different countries will find themselves in positions as the allies are in today where no other plausible alternative exists but to got to war and only then will the protest start for peace. Let's not get into these positions and we won't have these kinds of tragedies.

Allan Rosen



An Open Letter to the Rector:

Secrecy worries faculty

The CUFA Executive has recently been inundated with expressions of concern from our members about the Strategic Space Planning committee whose existence was only lately revealed.

Faculty members are worried about the secrecy surrounding the mandate, appointments, and deliberations of this committee. CUFA shares this concern and would like there to be a clear commitment on the part of the administration to conduct such studies openly and with meaningful consultation with all the parties likely to be affected by any policy changes.

Secondly, faculty members fear that the committee may have already reached its conclusions without soliciting input from concerned groups. Consequently, CUFA wishes to put on record the objections of our members to the way this task force has so far comported itself and to urge all our members who sit on the various faculty councils, the University Senate and the Board of Governors to demand full and open consultation and debate on this matter of fundamental importance to all faculty members.

Enn Raudsepp,
President, CUFA/APUC

QPIRG can make a difference

On March 6, 7, and 8, Concordia students will have an opportunity to vote in the second annual Québec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) board of directors elections at Concordia. By casting their votes students can take part in a movement by the Concordia QPIRG to effect positive social change.

After less than two years on campus, Québec PIRG's Homeless Action Research Team brought together representatives of 35 different organizations to a conference on homeless youth at Concordia last October.

Group members continue to fight for a greener MacKay street; as a result, benches and flower gardens will grace the street throughout this spring and summer.

Q-PIRG's recycling committee contributed to building an on-campus recylcing program and its cafeteria commitee continues to work toward waste reduction in the cafeteria.

As part of Le Triangle d'Habitation Etudiant(e), Québec PIRG will soon bring cooperative housing for students to Montréal.

Québec PIRG also produces, four times each year, a news magazine focusing on a wide range of social and environmental issues.

The broad range of issues Québec PIRG addresses reflects both the varying interests of students and the group's efforts to respond to urgent issues as they emerge. The group now has a full time staff person spearheading a city-wide campaign against incineration and promoting recylcing and reducing as part of a waste management plan for the Montréal Urban Community.

Two new committees address international issues. Global Cooperation is carrying out its mandate to address questions of international development through supermarket tours, the production of an ethical shopping pamphlet and film and discussion groups.

The Peace Action Research Team is planning activites to sensitize students to the social and environmental effects of the Persian Gulf war and to expose disinformation.

Québec PIRG is a dynamic, student-funded, student-directed organization, respected in the activist community. Students remain its most valued resource. At the same time, Québec PIRG offers students a significant opportunity.

An important part of a university education is discovering how society works; an essential element of citizenship is acting to make society function in a more equitable and just manner. Through Québec PIRG, student-citizens can make a difference.

Peter Feldstein,
Office Coordinator

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The Notre-Dame-de-Grace Black Community Association needs you to help with the children in our community with after-school tutorials. Please call the NDGBCSA at 481-3598.

CRSG - Production Studio: CRSG has a production studio. We will train people how to become a great producer, how to produce bands, do interviews, etc. Experience not required, just enthusiasm. Regular meetings are held every Friday at 6:30pm in H-647. Info: 848-7402/01.

Québec-PIRG is seeking proposals for funding of public interest projects on such topics as the environment, health, transportation, women's issues, human rights, student issues, etc. Deadline for project proposal submissions is February 12, 5pm. For more info: 848-7585.

Counselling for the War-Affected. We are offering individual counselling for students directly affected by the war. This will be an opportunity for you to express your feelings and thoughts about war, in an accepting and confidential context. Call Guidance Services, 848-3545 & 3555.

Traducteurs sans frontiers, a volunteer translation group, are looking for students in translation for work on the topics of: human rights, development of peace. Contact 737-4682 Antonio.

Legal Information Service - Problems with your landlord? Problems with that contract you signed? Immigration Dept. giving you headaches? We can help! Info: 848-7482, 9am-5pm, Monday through Friday, at room CC326, Loyola Campus.

Writing assistance can improve your writing. Come to H-440 or call 848-3555

The Travel Resource Club holds general meetings every Monday at 5pm, 2009 Bishop St. (crn. de Maisonneuve). All members must attend. Info: 847-0810.

Tel-Aide, Montréal's foremost 24-hour telephone listening service for people in distress is trying to find former volunteers to celebrate its 20th anniversary. We are also looking for new English-speaking volunteers to answer the phones. A special 24-hour training will be given.

Rent-a-Hand is a service sponsored by the NDG Senior Citizens' Council which gives assistance to seniors living in NDG and Montréal West. Looking for workers to participate, doing odd jobs. Info: 487-1311.

Twenty something and interested in volunteer work? Shalom Line, a confidential, anonymous listening service, will be accepting new volunteers into their training program which starts in February. Care to listen to those who need to talk? Then please call Suzanne Herscovitch at 735-3541, ext. 3380.

The Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia have open discussions over coffee every Friday. These social occassions occur after the regular business meetings and are open to all members of the university community and beyond. Drop by the office at 2020 MacKay (P-Annex) around 4:30pm any Friday. Info: 848-7414.

What is really going on in Central America? Over 1/4 million people killed over the last ten years. The Concordia Central America Committee has meetings every second Friday at 5pm. All are welcome. Call 848-7410 for more info.

WOMEN'S LISTINGS

Sexually harassed? If you feel you have been discriminated against because you are a women, contact the Concordia Women's Collective, who is documenting incidents of sexual harassment & sexism on campus. Contact us at 848-7411 or c/o CUSA 1455 de Maisonneuve W., Montréal, Québec, H3G 1M8.

Bi-The-Way: Bisexual Women's discussion group now meets every Friday. All women welcome. Info: Monday-Thursday at 848-7431. Resource information available at the Concordia Women's Centre during office hours at 2020 Mackay.

The Montréal Women's Network needs volunteers to plan workshops, help with production of the newsletter, etc. Some positions currently open in: Journalism, Public Relations, Advertising, & Bookkeeping. All ages are welcome. Info: Sandra 270-0499.

The Montréal Sexual Assault Centre is currently recruiting concerned, bilingual women interested in becoming volunteers on the telephone crisis line. Training session will take place on March 15, 16 17, and 23. Please call 934-4505 for more information.

Lesbian Studies Coalition: The coalition meets Mondays, 8 pm, at the Simone de Beauvoir Institute (lounge), 21270 Bishop.

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Caregiver req'd for disabled boy, 5 yrs., 20 hrs/wk, start May 1. Live-in plus stipend. Loyola area. References. 484-7676.

Managers wanted for M.L.M. opportunity. For more information call Michael @ 483-1359.

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Old Montréal Condo for summer rent. May 1st - Sept. 1st. Fully furnished. Serious inquiries only. Mark 289-1915. Professors welcome.

Fully furnished apartment to share for two to four months. Call 343-4415.

FOR SALE

Used books for sale - Literature, SciFi, fantasy; history, Feminism, philosophy, etc. Everything must go March 1 & 2, 1pm-6pm. 7047 Drolet (Metro Jean Talon). 277-8399.

GENERAL

You have the Bible. More sacred scripture does exist. Call for a free book, 731-0612.

PERSONALS

Graduate student wants to exchange ideas, lessons in Spanish for English or French, and share spare time (running). 767-7349.

LOST & FOUND

LOST: HP-485X calculator on Tues., Jan. 29 in H-920 or on 6th floor. Call Dan at 692-3749 anytime.

LOST! Two silver rings. If found, please call 483-5344. Reward offered.

Broach found in rm H-962. Leaf shaped, silver coloured. Left at Hall security desk.

Found: Poetry in a Spanish class. Will be at the security desk.

LOST: fur mitten in the Hall Building, 4th/5th floor on Jan. 10. Please call Evelyn at 637-0634 (work) or hand it in to Security. Sizeable reward!

Found: A Lorus Sports watch outside the Link office, Friday, Feb. 15th. Call Franco at 848-7405 or drop by H-649.

I found a wrist watch on Saturday at 11pm in the the men's washroom near the sub basement rm 0013. The wrist watch is at present with security, so go identify it and pick it up.

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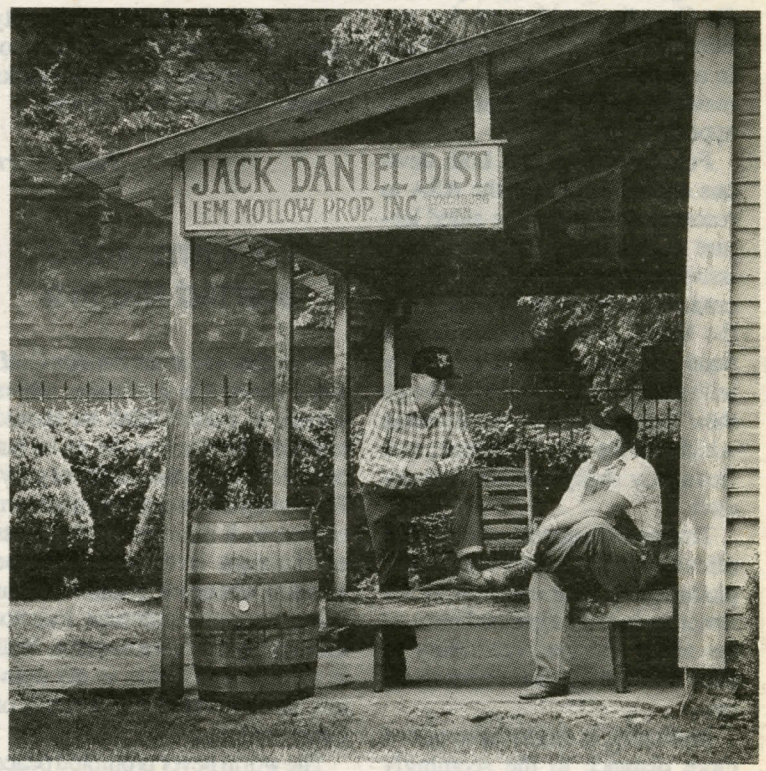

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Dance! - Danse '91 ends at the Saidye Bronfman Centre with *O Vertigo Danse* on Saturday, March 2 at 20h30 and Sunday, March 3 at 14h, $13 for students.
5170 Côte - St.Catherine. 739-7944.

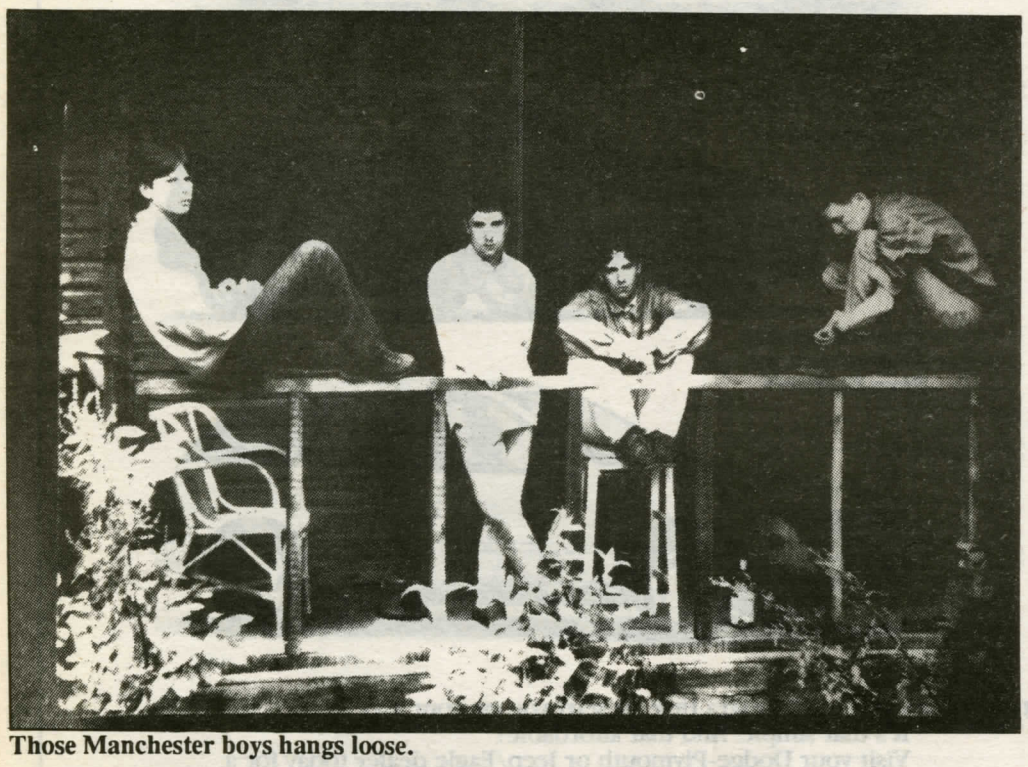
CKUT Funding Drive - If cartoons are your staple, check out the *22nd Animation Festival* on Friday, March 1st at the McGill Film Society. Innovative, impressive and fuuuunnn. Good cause, too. Show starts at 19h30, Leacock Bldg., rm. 132.
3480 McTavish. 398-6825.

Rock it - *Bag of Hammers* with special guests at the Rockaway Café on Saturday, March 2.
3745 St.Laurent. 987-ROCK.

Academy Award nominee - *The Nasty Girl* is back at the Rialto Saturday, March 2 at 19h15 and Sunday at 17h March 2.
5723 Park. 274-3550.

Tam Tam de la Montagne - Starring *Les Seguins & Building Dance Café Dancers* on Sunday, March 3. Jam session from 17h to 19h, show begins at 20h. $5 a show.
87 St.Catherine E. 845-5484.

Is Pornography Harmful to Women? - There will be a panel discussion addressing the issue of pornography, Monday, March 4 at 19h30 at McGill Leacock Bldg. rm. 26.
845 Sherbrooke W. 398-6823.



Those Manchester boys hangs loose.

The High heads down Manchester's gold-paved roads

by A.J. Kandy

The 90's seem to be shaping up as the Manchester decade, as far as British pop goes.

Clubgoers all over Montreal have, no doubt, already been exposed to the dance madness of the Happy Mondays and the neo-psychedelia of the Stone Roses.

Manchester, long the traditional seat of alternative mayhem, has already given us New Order, the Buzzcocks and, yes, the Smiths.

The High, one of Manchester's fresh, young bands, was recently signed by Polygram. Their debut album *Somewhere Soon* deserves the laurels the UK music press has so far awarded it.

The High's sound may surprise those expecting more of the Acid Disco Revival Decadence-O-Rama sound from the Manchester scene.

The band's vocalist, John Matthews, has a twenty-something voice with a youthful wistfulness and which does not fall into the teenage angst cliche that so typified the 1980's.

The rhythm section of bassist Simon Davies and drummer Chris Goodwin are professional and inventive, using, at times, styles and idioms close to jazz.

They create background textures that communicate atmospheres and emotions and never fall into the cop-out of 4/4 "rock" beats, characteristics of most Top 40 material.

Guitarist Andy Couzens, an ex-Stone Rose, transcends mere post-Johnny Marr jangly-pretty playing. His performance evokes Simon and Garfunkel balladeering, Cocteau Twins shimmer-pop and even a bit of Velvet Underground all at once, in an understated style. Not a note is wasted.

The High write, more successfully than their contemporaries, beautiful pop songs that are musically inventive and which don't collapse under their own weight.

Fans of The Church, The House of Love and all those frustrated with 'the scene', take heart – pop's Next Little Big Thing has arrived.

Music dept. sponsors memorial

by A.J. Kandy

The music community at Concordia is a tightly knit one or as trumpeter and jazz educator Charles Ellison says, a lot like an extended family. So it comes as no surprise when one of the department's more outstanding students, André Joyal, was faced with personal tragedy, that this family has rallied around him.

The Concordia music faculty and friends of the department are staging a benefit concert in memory of Joyal's recently deceased wife, Francine.

The faculty ensemble includes Charles Ellison on trumpet; Jeri Brown as vocalist; Dave Turner, saxophone; Jan Jarczyk, piano; Nassayr Abdul Al-Kabyrr, drums; and Eric Legace, bass.

The program will consist of jazz classics and American popular standards by Duke Ellington, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Miles Davis and others.

Ellison said many of Concordia's music graduates become first- call studio musicians, and established a high profile across Canada as instructors .

Unlike some institutions which stress a particular style, Ellison affirmed the department's instructional philosophy of clarifying the history and traditions of a music, isolating the aesthetic impulses and priorities of the composers.

Ellison lamented the waning of the local jazz institutions which brought legends such as Sonny Rollins, Betty Carter, Dizzy Gillespie, and John Coltrane to town on an almost weekly basis, giving Montreal its reputation as a jazz capital.

The Memorial for Francine Joyal Benefit concert will take place on Wednesday, March 6th at 20h at the new Concordia Concert Hall, located on the Loyola Campus. The Concert Hall's entrance is located in the new atrium between the Vanier Library and the Campus Centre. A donation of $5.00 or more is requested. All proceeds go to the Joyal family.

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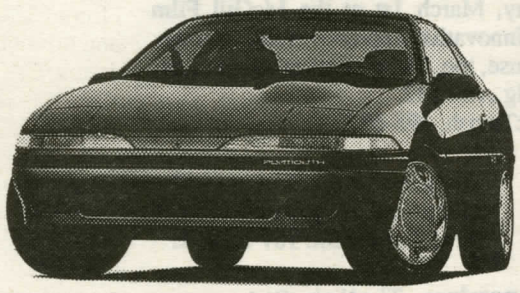

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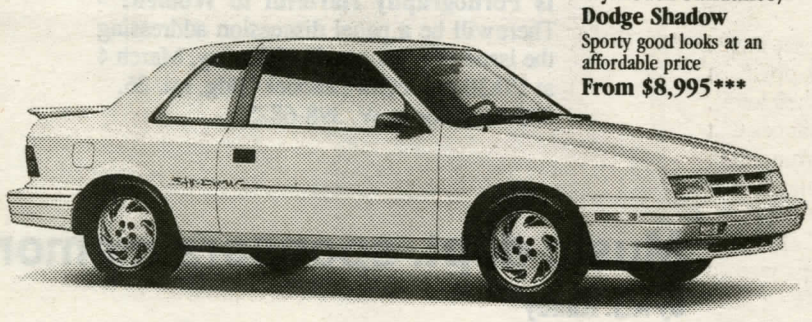

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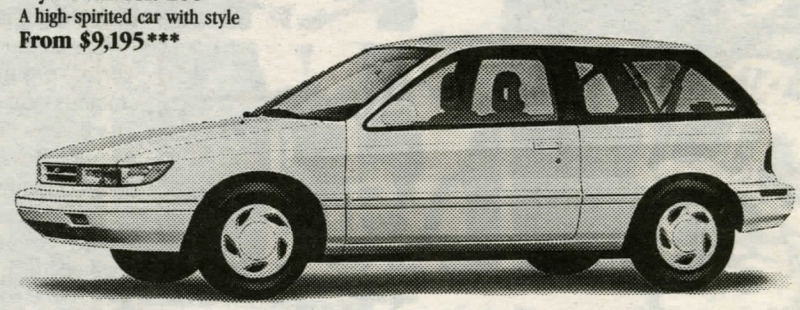

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